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SUBJECT: Soviet Attitude Toward U.S.-Soviet Relations

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After efforts to elicit specific comments on Soviet-ChiCom developments were unrewarded by any information, I asked why the Soviet Union was hostile to any effort by the U.S. to improve relations with Peking. He was obviously set-back by the question and responded that the Soviets were not opposed to an improvement in Sino-U.S. relations and favored good relations between all countries in the world on the basis of peaceful coexistence. I said this had not been the general impression we had gotten from comments by Soviet diplomats and from my reading of Soviet articles and broadcasts. If it was the Soviet view, I suggested the Soviet Government might make some specific statement or comment to this effect in order to disabuse those who have been led to believe the contrary by evidence thus far. There were some Soviet suspicions that U.S. moves in China policy were intended to pressure the Soviets. I denied this and emphasized that we had made our position publicly clear: that we did not see a worsening of the Sino-Soviet conflict as advantageous to us.

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